

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A protective strap for use in spirally winding around a handle, said protective strap comprising;

a main body being an elongated strap member having two lateral edges, two end edges, a top side and a bottom side, each of said two lateral edges being longer in length than each of said two end edges; ~~[[and]]~~

a distinctive strap disposed on said top side of said main body and having two lateral fringes and two end fringes, said two lateral fringes being respectively longer in length than said two end fringes, the width between said two lateral fringes of said distinctive strap being smaller than that between said two lateral edges of said main body, said distinctive strap being parallel to one of said two lateral edges of said main body~~[[=]]~~, and

at least one recessed portion at a side of said top side of the main body, the at least one recessed portion being less in width than said distinctive strap, such that said distinctive strap is engaged in the at least one recessed

portion and on a part of said top side to form a stepped  
portion on said distinctive strap.

2. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said main body comprises a nonwoven fabric layer and a polyurethane (PU) layer coated on a top surface of said nonwoven layer, said top side of said main body coinciding a top surface of said PU layer.

3. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said bottom of said main body comprises a first bottom surface and two second bottom surfaces respectively extending from bilateral ledges of said first bottom side to bilateral edges of said top side.

4. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said distinctive strap is an elongated aluminium strap having a shining surface and is fixedly adhered to said main body.

5. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein the width between said two lateral fringes of said distinctive strap is one-fourth of that between said two lateral edges of said main body.

6. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said distinctive strap abuts one of said two

lateral edges of said main body at one of said two lateral fringes thereof.

7. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said main body further comprises a recessed portion positioned at a side of said top and having a width substantially equal to the width of said distinctive strap; said distinctive strap is adhered to said recessed portion such that a top surface of said distinctive strap is flush with or lower than said top side of said main body in elevation.

8. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said distinctive strap has a thickness of no more than 0.1 mm.

9. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said distinctive strap has a thickness of 0.05 mm.

10. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein one of said two lateral edges of said main body is at a distance of less than 3 mm from one of said two lateral fringes of said distinctive strap after said protective strap is completely wound around the handle.

11. (Currently Amended) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said main body ~~further~~ comprises two recessed portions positioned respectively at bilateral sides of said top side thereof, and each of said two recessed portions ~~[[is]]~~ being less in width than said distinctive strap, such that said distinctive strap is adhered to one of said recessed portions and a part of said top side to form a stepped portion on said distinctive strap.

12. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said distinctive strap is directly printed on said top side of said main body.

13. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said distinctive strap is directly paint-coated on said top side of said main body.

14. (Original) The protective strap as defined in claim 1, wherein said main body comprises a recessed portion in proximity of one lateral edge of said top side thereof; said distinctive strap is adhered to said recessed portion and is at a distance from said one lateral edge of said main body.